

REMARKS

a. Claim Rejections based on 35 USC § 112

Claims 1- 19 were rejected under 35 USC § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The applicant has amended the claims to more distinctly claim the subject matter for which protection is sought and to remove the inconsistencies which the Office Action has noted.

Also, it appears that the Office Action has construed the subject invention to require two cam members. The applicant asserts that the specification does not limit the subject invention as such. It is within the scope of the disclosure to claim a single cam member combining the attributes of a first and second cam member. The applicant has amended claims 31 and added Claims 39 – 42 to more clearly and distinctly capture such an embodiment.

b. Claim Rejection based on 35 USC § 102(b)

Claim 31 was rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,671,996 to Gaudry.

The applicant respectfully submits that, as amended, claim 31 no longer is anticipated by Gaudry. Gaudry fails to disclose a cam member which eccentrically and rotatively couples a brush member to a rotational mounting structure.

c. Drawings

Attached are revised drawings relabeling Figs. 5-7 as noted in the Office Action.

d. Specification

The specification has been amended to correct the inconsistencies noted in the Office Action and the description of the figures has been amended to account for the relabeling of the drawings.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that, as amended, the subject application is in condition for allowance, and allowance thereof is kindly requested. Should the Examiner wish to discuss these claims further, or should an Examiner's Amendment be needed in order for the claims to proceed to allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Undersigned attorney at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

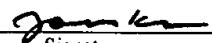
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